

FACT SHEET

Disaster Risk Reduction Office

PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE (PEER) Phase III

PEER aims to assist local, regional, and national disaster management agencies in organizing and conducting standardized training in medical first response, collapsed structure search and rescue, community action for disaster response (CADRE), and hospital preparedness for emergency (HOPE) following a disaster.



Participants taking active parts in Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Training

BACKGROUND

The Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER) is a regional program initiated by USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance in 1998. The goal is to enhance local and regional disaster preparedness and response capacities of nine countries within the Asia region (Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Vietnam) through institutionalization of sustainable disaster preparedness training programs and emergency response systems. These countries were selected to participate in the program based on their high hazard vulnerability, their need to improve their disaster response capacity, and governmental interest to participate in PEER.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PEER assists local, regional, and national disaster management organizations to conduct standardized training in medical first response, collapsed structure search and rescue, and hospital preparedness for emergencies (HOPE). The project aims to:

- Establish a system for enhanced community-level first responder capacity in disaster-prone communities.
- Improve the capacity of hospitals and medical facilities to manage mass casualty incidents.

SNAPSHOT

Life of Project: 2009 to June 2014
(Phase III)

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Implementing Partners: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center and National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal

Geographic Focus: Nationwide

- Train in-country instructors in all of its training programs for long-term sustainability.

PEER training in Nepal also includes Community Action for Disaster Response (CADRE) and Hospital Preparedness for Emergencies. It is planned that PEER III will end in June 2014 and that a follow-on project will continue.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Enhancing Community disaster response capacity

The CADRE training under the PEER program is a course that can teach anyone how to prepare for disasters in their communities. The training incorporates simple elements of medical first response and collapsed structure search and rescue into a three-day modular course. In Nepal, community action in the event of a disaster is essential due to the remoteness of many at-risk locations, and CADRE has been warmly welcomed as a step in the right direction towards disaster preparedness in these communities. In April 2011, the CADRE national pilot course was carried out in Nepal and included participation from 24 Nepal Red Cross Society staff from across the country. This pilot course was immediately followed by a Nepal Curriculum Development Workshop to hone the curriculum to fit the specific needs of Nepal, as well as Training for Instructors Course and Instructor Workshop in April 2011. Consequently, 13 sessions of training have been conducted since then for more than 300 CADRE volunteers.



Basic emergency medical response training

Preparing Hospitals for Emergencies

HOPE is a training course for hospital staff and healthcare personnel, both medical and non-medical, to prepare healthcare facilities to respond effectively to emergencies involving large numbers of casualties. In Nepal, all HOPE courses run under the Partial Funding Assistance Program, in which country partners submit counterpart resources to conduct the courses. After taking the HOPE course, some participants have taken the initiative to draw up hospital preparedness and response plans and have shared the knowledge gained in the course with hospital management and other medical staff.

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ACHIEVED RESULTS

- 330 people trained in medical first responder
- 232 people trained in collapsed structure search and rescue
- 274 people trained in training for instructors
- 150 people trained in medical first response instructors' workshop
- 136 people trained in collapsed structure search and rescue instructors' workshop
- 137, 500 people benefit or get service during emergencies or disasters in Nepal from these trained human resources

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